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women stepped over Lauwa and urinated on him, thereby bewitching him. 539

The next day Lauwa's six friends called him. He wished to accompany them, but the women persuaded him to continue living with her in the village.

In five days the women suggested that Lauwa go pig hunting with his brothers-in-law. Lauwa shot an animal which the dogs were pursuing and which proved to be a snake. This happened twice. His brothers-in-law wished to eat the snake, but Lauwa refused and instead provided himself with crabs and crayfish from the ravine. The next day he returned to the village with only the remnants of his crabs, whereas his brothers-in-law brought in the snake meat. His wife cooked the meat, but Lauwa refused to touch it, saying, "You eat what I should eat. You substitute for my mouth."

After a time the woman was pregnant. She and Lauwa set out for his village of Muruwaring. On the way she turned into a bat and flew to his village while he walked. While they lived in Muruwaring, a child from Kewai entered their garden. The child saw a green snake sleeping on top of a spear which was pushing through the earth. The green snake (witch) ate the child's liver, and the child died. The men of Kewai were angry. They encircled Lauwa's house and set it afire. Lauwa's wife turned into a bat and flew away. Lauwa was shot as he tried to escape. As he lay dying his hand closed on Aliarkowuri's testicles so firmly that it had to be pried open. After that Lauwa's soul possessed Aliarkowuri, and witches multiplied in Kewai so that now all the people there are witches.

The improbability of anecdotes about witchcraft makes one feel that 738
we are dealing here with a complete fantasy structure. The beliefs are 534
couched in terms similar to those used in near-by culture areas. In such 170
choices of ideas, peoples from other regions have invested a great deal
of psychic energy. It is noteworthy that this is not the case in Alitoa-bang,
where neither witchcraft, sorcery, nor poisoning looks large, either as
an institution or a preoccupation.

Only two deaths of which I knew gave rise to definite gossip of 741
poisoning. It was, however, very cautiously discussed in undertones 538
and only among friends. It is possible that more such rumors circulated
but never reached my ears. However, one man who had not been feeling
well for some time talked quite freely with me about the possibility of
having been poisoned on a trip to the coast, where he chewed betel with
a stranger. It was very difficult to get any concrete data even from